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**CULVER WILL  
REMONSTRATE**

PRESENT REMONSTRANCE OF UNION TP., EXPIRES MCH. 1 ANOTHER WITH GOOD MAJORITY WILL BE FILED FRIDAY.

It is evident that the residents of Culver and Union township, are well satisfied with the condition of things without liquor. After giving the township a "dry" administration at least nominally so, for two years, the citizens have again arisen, and attached their names to a remonstrance that the township may be left in its present condition for two years more. Cognizant of the fact that remonstrances in other places are being endangered and lost by the fact that some signers are not legal voters, extra precaution is being taken in Union township, that every signature be that of a legal voter, and that a witness besides the circulator of the remonstrance be present as a witness to each signature.

Attorney Matthews of this city, received word from the remonstrators Monday, that over 300 signatures have been obtained. Only 287 are necessary for a majority, the number of voters being placed at 335, and this remonstrance will be filed Friday, by which time the number of signers will be increased.

Prominent among the remonstrance circulators are, J. O. Ferrier, Louis C. Zechel, George Kline, Walter Hand, C. W. Newman, and Austin Drunkmiller.

It is thought by residents of Culver, that after such a strong remonstrance is filed, that no contest will be made of the signatures.

**Everyone Knows Hannah Stuckman.**

Hannah Stuckman, the subject of this writing, was born February, 1838 and is now a few days more than 70 years of age, says the Milford Mail.

This woman is known by every old citizen who has lived within a radius of Milford within the past fifty years, and since she was a small child, has never been confined to her bed with sickness to exceed four days at one time. She has no use for her opposite sex, and the man has never been born who in any way could decay her friendship and affection. Although a woman, she has a special estrangement for the kitchen and selects outdoor life. She has now reached the age when her physical strength is leaving, but for fifty years she was a Sampson in woman's attire. She is without education and can neither read nor write never having gone to school a day in her life. At the age of sixteen she started out to make her own living and has made it and when she dies will leave sufficient funds to pay all necessary expenses incurred.

For years she has performed every kind of work on the farm aside from that which can be accomplished with horses. Potato digging and corn husking being her principal occupation.

While she has lost much money by poor memory she is now worth many hundreds of dollars. She pays no taxes, neither was she ever assessed. She buys cheap clothing and all she can get for the money and in some instances has her clothing made by some woman whom she is intimately acquainted with. Her father took sick some years ago and she was ready with her money and time to care for him, and when he died paid all his expenses. About twenty-five years ago she joined the German Baptist church, and was baptized in Turkey Creek southwest of New Paris which a meeting was being held in the barn of Peter Whitehead and today, although aged, seldom is absent from a communion meeting in her church, whether she takes part or not.

**Political Use of Centralized Power.**

Noting the specifications that the St. Louis Globe-Democrat makes as to the activity of Federal officeholders in the First district of Missouri, the Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin says nothing is to prevent civil service rules from being similarly ignored everywhere, and adds:

The number of employees in the postal service alone is 110,000. The number in all the departments of the Federal executive civil service is 337,000. The quiet work of a body as large as this all tending their energies and influence to effect a certain political result would oppose a formidable obstacle to the attainment of the spontaneous desire of the people. With the telegraph and telephone and railroad lines operated by the Government the army of Federal employees would be multiplied many times, and the potential menace to popular sovereignty would be perilously strengthened. Municipal ownership projects, if carried into practice, would similarly perplex the problem of local popular government.

**Ten Men Applied.**

To help the unemployed the city of Detroit decided to do some winter canal work that had been postponed to the spring because it could be more economically done then than now. But, as said, to give employment to those out of work, it was decided to open up operations and an advertisement was put in the papers for 2,500 men to work on the job. Ten men applied.

**HAYES AND DAVAL  
PLEAD GUILTY**

BOTH ENTER PLEA OF GUILTY TO CHARGE OF GRAND LARCENY—WILL BE SENTENCED BEFORE THURSDAY.

Frank Daval, charged with stealing a horse and buggy belonging to John Baker on Feb. 11th, was brought into court Monday afternoon and pleaded guilty to the charge of grand larceny. Upon being questioned by the court, he stated that his true name was not Frank Daval but he wished to keep his true name a secret. He said he was 16 years of age, was born in Las Vegas, New Mexico, had formerly lived in Kansas, had been in this county for about six weeks. Both of his parents were dead, he had no friends, whose names he could give the court, and had never been imprisoned before. His plea of guilty was recorded by the court, but upon request of the deputy prosecuting attorney Wm. Matthews, the court took the case under advisement, and deferred sentence.

Jesse Hayes, charged with stealing \$55 from the Phoenix, owned by Chas. McLaughlin, on Jan. 6th, also pleaded guilty to grand larceny. He stated that he was 20 years of age. Judge Bernetha took his sentence under advisement, and stated that he would pronounce their sentences by Thursday of this week.

**High School Boys are Swamped.**

The high school team, or part of it, rather, went to LaPorte Friday evening to play the team of that city. The Plymouth boys were snowed under by a score of 44 to 8. Three of Plymouth's best players, Capt. Earl McLaughlin, Harry Alexander and Gussie Kuhn were disqualified and not allowed to play. The local boys called the team the "Second team" because most of the players were from the second high school team.

Friday's game concluded rather gloomily, a good season's showing made by the Plymouth High School basketball team.

**SAM MURDOCK TO SELL.**

Receiver to Dispose of Gas Plants in Four Cities.

Plants of the Logansport and Wabash Valley Gas company at Wabash, Peru and Logansport will be sold soon by the receiver, Sam Murdock, of Lafayette, under order of court, and the company reorganized.

There are \$1,150,000 first mortgage bonds in the company outstanding on which there is interest at the rate of 6 per cent due for the past three years. It was on account of this default of interest that the company was thrown into the hands of a receiver.

The Central Trust company of New York, trustees for the bondholders, has petitioned for the appointment of a trustee for its associate companies, the Ohio and Indiana Gas company and the Detroit syndicate properties. The bonds of the Wabash Valley Gas company have been quoted at 25 cents for some time.

**Elopers Brave Death.**

William D. Biege, a member of the Chicago fire department, and Mary O'Malley decided Wednesday to elope. They took the 2:30 train Wednesday afternoon for Crown Point, Ind. On the train they met C. S. Carpenter, a salesman, and Miss Nettie Donovan, also of Chicago, who also were eloping to Crown Point on a like mission. When the train came to within four miles of Crown Point it came to a standstill in a huge drift and remained there.

"We'll dare you to walk" to Crown Point, said the girls and Biege and Carpenter agreed. The party began trudging along with snow drifts many feet in height surrounding them. Drift after drift was waded through and finally Misses O'Malley and Donovan fell exhausted upon the track. The air was full of snow, blinding the party's eyes from an approaching train pushing a snow plow. It was thundering along to within a few feet, of the exhausted crowd when Biege grabbed the two girls and dashed them into a snow bank on the right of way.

Half frozen, Carpenter and Biege carried their brides on their backs over two miles to Crown Point, the journey taking nearly five hours. They got to Crown Point at 9 o'clock p. m. At 10 o'clock they called Clerk Shortridge, who at first refused to brave the storm and go to his office, but after the quartet had told their story of hardships in getting to Crown Point he went to his office and issued the licenses. Judge Nicholson waded through the snow with his boots and married the couples.

**Conn for Governor.**

A special call from Elkhart announces that Colonel Charles Gerard Conn, the well known manufacturer of band instruments has decided to be a candidate for the nomination for governor in the Democratic convention which meets at Indianapolis, March 25. Conn is a hustler and will go in to win consequently there will be a lively scramble among Democratic leaders during the next thirty days.

**SIX PARTIES ARE  
AGAINST DITCH**

ONLY FIVE PERSONS BESIDES CITY OF PLYMOUTH FILE REMONSTRANCE AGAINST CONSTRUCTION OF YELLOW RIVER DITCH.

The attempt made by parties opposed to the construction of the Yellow river ditch to raise a general remonstrance of 200 signatures against the ditch was unsuccessful, and individual remonstrances of six parties were filed in the Clerk's office, Saturday.

The City of Plymouth, by its attorney Wm. B. Hess, under two reasons, first because its assessment is too high for the benefits that would be derived, and second because of damage that would be sustained by the exposure of sewers, the fact that the river through the city would not be so thoroughly flushed by a steady flow as by an intermittent one caused by the dam, etc. The heirs of the Zehner estate, have remonstrated against the removal of their dam, and construction of the ditch, on several grounds out of a possible ten, as provided in statute. El Freese, asks for \$800, damages, and M. A. O. Packard, remonstrated on the ground of too high an assessment. David Keyser, by A. E. Wise his attorney, asks for damages and reduction of his assessment, and Wm. B. Hess, because of too high an assessment.

The case will be tried before Special Judge Burson, on May 25th. Attorneys for Zehners, Packard, and Freese, Unger and Martindale.

**Admiral Evans Ill; Fleet at Callao.**

The American battleship fleet was sighted off the port at Callao, Thursday morning just before 8 o'clock. An hour later the warships steamed into the harbor in single file, while the guns thundered an exchange of salutes with the forts on shore. A wireless dispatch from the Connecticut said that Rear-Admiral Evans was still in poor health, and that Rear-Admiral Charles M. Thomas, commander of the second squadron, and division of the fleet, had assumed charge of the vessels.

From an early hour Thursday morning the street cars coming into Callao were crowded with passengers eager to witness the arrival of the American war vessels.

The celebration and series of entertainments in the visitors' honor will be on the grandest scale ever given in Peru. Not only was Thursday a holiday, but a fiesta was also declared by President Pardo for Saturday—George Washington's birthday. Admiral Evans may not be able to leave the cabin during the vessels' stay there.

**Signed Wrong Wills; Beneficiaries May Lose.**

Two estates lost to the heirs named in the wills in the Circuit Court at Lafayette as a result of a peculiar clerical error in preparing the documents. When the wills of Cornelia Stanfield and the late Elizabeth Bowyer were filed for probate in court recently it was found that the Bowyer will had been signed by Mrs. Stanfield and the Stanfield will by Mrs. Bowyer.

The wills were drawn up at the same time and place by the same lawyer and when the women were asked to affix their signatures Mrs. Stanfield inadvertently was asked to sign the Bowyer will. As the two documents were prepared on identical stationery and in the same form it was not noticed that the double mistake had been made.

The wills were filed away in the lawyer's court and when both Mrs. Stanfield and Mrs. Bowyer died and were buried about the same time the wills were brought out and filed in court. It was then that the mistake was discovered. The question of the validity of the wills was argued and Judge R. P. DeHart took the matter under advisement. He has decided that both wills are void because each lacks the proper signature. The provisions of the two wills can not be carried out.

When the court's decision was announced applications to be appointed administrators were filed. The court appointed the administrators and the division of the estates will be made according to law. Both women possessed considerable property, and as a result of the error the division will not be according to the intention of the two decedents.

**Senate Meet Saturday.**

Although the senate is in the habit of adjourning over from Friday to the following Monday, an exception will be made this week in honor of Washington's birthday. The senate will assemble on the 22nd to listen to the reading of the farewell address of the first American president, Senator McCumber of North Dakota having been selected for that duty.

**Youngsters Beat Rochester.**

The Plymouth Baraca class of the M. E. Sunday school, basketball team, defeated a team of Rochester juveniles, at the opera house Saturday afternoon, by a score of 21 to 17. The line up for Plymouth was, center Roy Porter, lg Earl Schroeder, rg Wm. Harding, lf Herlas Poor, rf Louis Drake capt.

**McFARLIN SEES  
NEGRO LYNCHING**

MARSHALL COUNTY MAN RETURNING FROM TRIP TO CALIFORNIA WITNESSED NEGRO LYNCHING AT BROOKHAVEN, MISS.

John A. McFarlin, who returned from a trip to the Pacific coast last week, came home by way of New Orleans, and after leaving that city, witnessed the lynching of the negro at Brookhaven, Miss.

The negro had been captured, admitted his guilt and was on the train in which Mr. McFarlin was coming north. Fifty militiamen, two sheriffs and a number of deputy sheriffs were with the negro to prevent a lynching if any should be attempted when the county seat was reached.

Court was in session and it was intended to take the negro from the train to the court house where he would enter a plea of guilty and the judge would give the death sentence, the penalty for rape by a black man in that state.

When the train pulled in everything seemed quiet. The militia, the sheriffs and their deputies got off and formed a hollow square and the negro stepped from the train into the square, and all started toward the courthouse. Then from somewhere, two hundred armed men rushed onto the soldiers, but were at first beaten back by shots from the protectors of the prisoner; but a second rush was made, and at the same moment some one threw a lasso from the opposite side around the prisoner's neck. In an instant scores of men had hold of the rope and the negro was dragged through the cordon of troops, a dozen bullets were fired into his body as he was dragged to a telegraph pole, pulled up, the rope tied and his body left dangling in the air.

Mr. McFarlin said the man was no doubt, dead before he was hung, but the whole hideous work did not occupy more than five minutes. The train, which had waited for a train coming from the north to pass, now rolled out, and he witnessed no more exciting scenes in the "Sunny South."

**BETTER SERVICE SOON.**

Lake Erie to Put Two Trains Back on This Division the Middle of March.

That Plymouth is to be given better Lake Erie passenger service and in the near future is assured by Traveling Passenger Agent Hicks, who says that in all probability the early morning passenger train south and the train from the south at night will be put back on about March 15th.

It is a well known fact in railroad circles that these trains do not pay the expense of operation, but the Lake Erie officials feel that the people on the north end are entitled to the service. The trains will be put back in about two or three weeks.

**Boy Works as Hello Girl.**

There was consternation in the ranks of the girls of the Forest exchange of the Bell Telephone Company at St. Louis Sunday when it became known that pretty "Helen" lies, to whom they had confided many of their secrets, was, by "her" own confession, a boy in disguise. The secret leaked out when "Helen" suddenly developed unmistakable evidences of masculine exuberance which became so pronounced that one of the girls complained to the chief of the exchange, Miss Burns. Miss Burns brought "Helen" on the carpet and the result of the interview was so conclusive of the sudden suspicions of the girls that "Helen" was discharged from further service.

"Helen" applied for the position five months ago to James W. Thomson, traffic manager of the Bell Telephone Company, for employment as an operator. The applicant gave the name of "Helen" lies, aged 22, and residence Chicago, and said she had previous experience in the work in Chicago exchanges. A change came when "Helen" moped a few weeks ago when a new operator, a tall, stately brunette, whose first name is Margaret, was assigned to the exchange.

The climax came a week ago, when "Helen" sought Margaret in the restroom and declared he loved her. She confessed that he was a man. Margaret repulsed him and immediately sought Miss Burns, the chief operator, and relate all that had occurred. Miss Burns questioned "Helen" obtained a confession from the culprit and notified Mr. Thompson, who ordered "Helen's" immediate discharge.

**Judge Denies Divorce.**

In the case of Viola Haas versus Daniel Haas for divorce, Judge Bernetha held that the plaintiff was not a resident of this county, and held that the only ground for divorce was on the part of her husband because the plaintiff had deserted him. Yet the necessary two years had not elapsed and so he was not entitled to a divorce under his cross complaint.

The husband had asked for custody of the two boys, and to allow the wife the three daughters. Mrs. Haas wanted all five of the children. The case of Mrs. O. H. C. Miller versus her husband for divorce, was continued until Thursday, Feb. 27th.

**LETTER FROM  
NEW MEXICO**

FORMER PLYMOUTH GIRL WRITES OF THE COUNTRY AROUND WAGON MOUND—PLENTY OF RICH ELIGIBLE SPANISH YOUTHS.

Wagon Mound, New Mexico, Editor Tribune:

I suppose you have heard that we have taken up a homestead claim about four miles and a half out from this place and we expect to go out next Wednesday—our 1224 house will be completed Saturday. We have built a two room frame house for the present and if the land proves to be productive we will build adobe—four or five rooms—later on. They say that is experienced farmers say that the land out here is as good, if not better, than the "mesa" land around Las Vegas, 12 to 20 miles from a railroad, that is selling for \$12 to \$20 per acre. The only expense in taking up a claim is paying for filing getting located and having hand surveyed, which amounts to about \$40. You can live on it 14 months and prove up and buy it in at \$125 per acre or live on it the whole five years and you don't have to pay anything. You have to make \$200.00 worth of improvements, but it don't take long to get that amount. It will cost about \$100 to fence the 160 acres and another \$100 for any kind of a house unless you live in a log cabin. They say if you can get the moisture you can raise almost anything.

The climate is certainly grand here except the nights are very cold, but as soon as the sun comes up it is fine and warm. There is hardly a day Mr. Colney does not sit outside. He is feeling fine up till a few days ago. He seems to be threatened with the mountain fever. It acts like the gripe but I hope he will get well in a few days. This is a little old Mexican village much smaller than Tynar. All the houses are of adobe and some are crumbling away. We want to get some good kodak pictures of the scenes around here. It is real picturesque. There is a place six miles from here they call "The Cave of the Bloody Hand" You go inside and on the ground are imprints of red hands. It is said that in "ye olden times" when the Indians raided a village and killed white folks they would dip their hand in the blood and make the imprint on the ground. Others say it is just some one that dipped their hand in red paint and fixed it just to fool tourists, but the older population are ready to swear that it was the Indians that did it. It look creepy enough anyway.

This part of the country is plentifully supplied with bachelors, and if some of the Plymouth girls will send their photos, I am sure we could secure them each a rich black curly-headed Spanish beau.

We have been getting the Weekly Tribune, and it seems better than a letter from home, only it would be so much nicer if in the future when writing up weddings, or would all what kind of dresses are worn etc. Remember we are clear away from the centers of style.

Mrs. Mollie Colney.

**Open the Roads for the Carriers.**

For the benefit of the public and particularly the farmers, I wish to explain how to make a plow that will open the highways in perfect shape and will clear the way without much trouble. Every farmer along the road should do this work and then there would be no complaints about the rural route carriers getting through, etc.

Take your sleds. Put a 6-foot 2x3 across the front end of the back box and hang your turning plow on the end of the 2x4. Then take a chain and hook it in the chies and cross over on the opposite side and make fast so that the plow will run level with the sled. Then make fast the 2x4 on the opposite side with a chain, so as to hold it. Then wire the handle part to the ring or stake of the wagon box. Then take a 2 foot 2x4 and bore a hole through it and then with a wire fasten it to the beam of the plow, and let it hang. This will cause it to run as in the field. Then drive on the road and you will always have good roads after a snow storm, and even if the snow is three feet deep you can make a fine track. Don't wait for somebody to come along and break the track, but go out and run the plow. Then when your mail carrier comes along he will be able to get through. Wake up and do something. If everybody would do this the carriers would have no trouble in getting through every day, no matter how bad the storm might be.—LaPorte Herald.

**A Striking Truth.**

The Elkhart Review appropriately observes that the nation ought to begin to think about a proper observance of Lincoln's one hundredth birthday, in 1909. To most of the active present generation Lincoln is one so far remote that his deeds are history and few comparatively can tell about those deeds the atmosphere in which they were performed. To those who can recall those days, the life of Lincoln has a peculiar fragrance.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
BASKET BALL**

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BESTS METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM BY SCORE OF 23 TO 19.

The basket ball game at the opera house Thursday eve was a hard fought game. It was advertised to be between the Young Men's Bible Class of the Presbyterian church of which Mr. Carey is teacher, and the Forty-niners of the Methodist church, of which W. H. Matthews is teacher. Both Mr. Carey and Mr. Matthews were present with a goodly number of rooters to cheer on the players. The game resulted in a victory for the Y. M. B. C. boys with a score of 23 to 19.

Owing to one member of the Methodist team not being a Forty-niner that team was called the Methodist Sunday school team.

The lineups were:

Harris	C Shambaugh
Gove	LC Hodgson
Cobby	RG Southworth F
Curry	LF Bowell
Leonard F	RF McLaughlin

At the end of the first half the Methodist boys were in the lead by a score of 18 to 17. The final score, however, was 23 to 19, in favor of the Presbyterians. Referees, Superintendent Randall and Ralph Leonard, Captains, for Y. M. B. C. Frank Leonard, for Methodist S. S. Dewey Shambaugh.

The Methodist boys say that they can raise a better Sunday school team and the Presbyterians say "Come ahead."

**Miss Bussard Entertains.**

Miss Grace Bussard entertained a number of her young friends at her home on Plum street, Friday evening. The evening was spent in various games and a good time was had by all. The guests were, the Misses Mayme Bussard, Lura Capron, Vera Suseland, Dessie Easterday, Irene Kuhn, Julia Yockey, and the Messrs. Harry Alexander, Luther Hoham, William Hendricks, Fred Kuhn and Thompson Myers.

**IN CIRCUIT COURT.**

Two Divorces Granted—Case on Account Being Tried Before Jury.

Thursday morning in circuit court, Judge Bernetha granted a divorce to Ira Macklin of Bremen, against his wife Dora, cause of complaint being cruelty.

Mrs. Lillie Harkins was given a divorce from her husband, James Harkins, because of abandonment.

The case of John Lecker versus Gustave A. Shurr, on account, is being tried before a jury. The case is one appealed from a German township justice court. Lecker had done some plastering for Shurr, and there was a disagreement of 60 cents between them. Attorneys are, Adam E. Wise for Lecker, and W. B. Hess and S. J. Hayes of Bremen, for Shurr.

**Council Proceedings.**

The city council met in regular session Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock with Councilmen Tanner, Deeds and McCoy present.

The report of street commissioner Herman, was read and ordered placed on file.

Committee on accounts and stationery reported bills to the amount of \$18.36, which were allowed. Mrs. Catherine Cole presented a bill of \$58, for expenses and damages suffered by maintaining a small box quarantined, and for property such as bed clothes, etc., which she destroyed. This bill was laid over until next meeting.

A resolution fixing the assessment role on the North Michigan street sewer, and ordering the same published was passed. There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

**Hill Case Up In Federal Court.**

Attorney S. N. Stevens went to Indianapolis this morning where he will represent Mrs. Edward Hill of Tynar, in a suit for \$10,000 damages against the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

It will be remembered that about two years ago, her husband Edward Hill, while employed as a section hand, was struck and killed by a B. & O. train near Walkerton. Stevens will be assisted by Attorney John Kern of Indianapolis.

**Wants a Limited Separation.**

Because he has religious scruples against divorces Andrew Rey Carmichael of Columbus, Ind., has filed suit in the Bartholomew circuit court against his wife, Fannie Carmichael, asking for a separation for a period of five years. Carmichael says he believes it is wrong to ask for a divorce, but he also says that he cannot live with his wife.

**Prohibition Wave Sweeping.**

Battle is to be offered prohibition in every city, town and county of the United States through the medium of a vast national federation, with executive headquarters in Chicago, and composed of every association connected directly or indirectly with the liquor trade.

**ATTEMPTS TO  
COMMIT SUICIDE**

TOLEDO, O., SALESMAN UNDER INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR PLUNGES KNIFE INTO HIS THROAT WITH SUICIDAL INTENT.

A number of Plymouth citizens were greatly astounded Friday evening to see a well dressed stranger stop on the sidewalk on Michigan street, near Kuhn's meat market, and plunge the blade of a pocket knife into his throat. After staggering for a few moments he fell into a pile of snow in the gutter. Passersby rushed to the spot and lifted him to the sidewalk. A large stream of blood was spurting from an ugly gash in the left side of his throat. Dr. Stephens, who happened to be passing, had the man carried to his office, where he examined the wound and found that although a couple lesser veins of the throat were severed, the jugular vein was intact. While being attended by the physician, the injured man asked that his knife be returned to him. The act occurred about 7:45 o'clock. Later, when in condition, he was taken to jail, but no statement could be obtained from him as to his name etc., until Saturday morning.

He gave his name as Eugene Ballau, and said that he was a chauffeur for the firm of Spitzer & Co., bankers, of that city. He had been given a vacation and was going to his father's home in Union Mills, Ind. He had been drinking heavily before he left Toledo, and in that city received a black eye, which he still carries. By the time he reached Laporte, he had worked up a pretty good case of tremens. From Laporte he took the L. E. & W. intending to change cars at Stillwell, for Union Mills. Upon arriving at Stillwell his baggage was taken off, but he was seeing things and paid his way to Plymouth. At the depot he attracted much attention by his peculiar actions, and was thought to be insane. He was seen by several persons before he attempted to end his life, and entered into a conversation with some.

When the firm which he represented heard of the affair, they telephoned here asking that the man be held until one of their representatives arrived, also that his father A. W. Ballau, a farmer residing near Union Mills be notified. The Spitzer people said that Ballau was a first class character, one of the best men they had on the road.

Ballau is somewhat recovered and is in a depressed state of mind, not wishing to discuss the affair. He is a fine looking man about 5 feet 11 and is 26 years of age. His father was notified and arrived here Saturday and took his son to his home at Union Mills, Sunday.

**At Chicago in June.**

The Washington Star, commending Senator Beveridge for his statement that the Indiana delegation meant to be true to its instructions for Fairbanks at Chicago, says that Speaker Cannon is one of the most popular men that ever occupied the Speaker's chair, and that the Vice-President "at the other end of the building is equally fortunate;" that all of the candidates are good men and popular, and that while the orator will find a great chance at the convention, the organizer is the one that will do the business.

Unless there is a radical change in the situation, there will be no walk-overs for anybody at Chicago. The Republicans in many states have their thinking caps on and well drawn down, and are expecting a consultation at the convention. Of hurrah, there will, as usual, be a plenty, but the best hope in the party is that hurrah be not permitted to name this year's candidate.

**Somewhat Doubtful.**

Bryan is without doubt the strongest man the Democrats could name, so far as personal popularity goes. It has been more than once pointed out that it is very easy to underestimate Mr. Bryan's strength as a vote getter—that he stands next to the President himself in his hold upon the affections of the masses of the people. But if the election is to turn upon the discontent of unemployed men or men whose wages have been reduced or men who are working on half time, then Bryan would be at a great disadvantage compared with a conservative candidate. With Bryan as their leader the Democrats cannot claim that the dull times are chargeable to the administration, for every one knows that Mr. Bryan himself approves the Roosevelt policies and declares he should have done the same thing had he been in the White House. In fact, the Bryan claim up to date is that President Roosevelt has been stealing the Bryan ideas.

**Judge Hess Has Narrow Escape.**

While attending to a water pipe on the outside of his home at about 7:00 o'clock this morning, a large mass of ice broke from the roof, fell and struck Wm. B. Hess on the head and arm. The block of ice, which Mr. Hess estimated to weigh about 15 pounds, struck the back part of his head and felled him to the ground. Judge at first, thought his arm was broken, and counts his escape a narrow one.

**MANY TRAINS  
SNOWBOUND**

NO TRAINS SOUTH ON LAKE ERIE FOR TWO DAYS—SNOW IS 10 FEET DEEP—RURAL MAIL CARRIERS ARE BOUND.

There was hardly a train entering Plymouth on either the Pennsylvania or L. E. & W. railroads Wednesday or Thursday that was on time. Great drifts had formed on the tracks in the vicinity of this city, from 5 to 15 feet in depth. In the vicinity of Valparaiso and Hobart on the Penna. drifts were piled up to a height of twelve feet, completely blocking up the north track. A gang of about forty men was taken from this city Thursday morning to help uncover the tracks. The east bound milk train due to arrive here at 4:10 p. m. Wednesday evening, did not reach this city until 3:30 Thursday morning. All of the east bound trains on that road were late Wednesday and Thursday.